



SWARC NEWS

Notes from K7RLH

Happy Spring!!!!

Although we've had somewhat of a rollercoaster ride with temperatures, I trust you are enjoying springtime in NC, even with the pollen. I hope those members, and guests, who attended our April meeting, enjoyed the casserole, Miss Penny's wonderful, homemade soup, appetizers, and desserts furnished by members. Our next meeting will be May 4th; this will be our annual picnic and perhaps my wife will bake a cake in honor of my 75th birthday on 1 May. We are soliciting your input on food for the picnic so respond to me with your suggestions.

Thanks to all those who responded to my suggestion/request that you show commitment to South Wake ARC by renewing your membership for the upcoming fiscal year..

Updating the membership on health issues continuing to plague some of our hams:

Gary, KO4LQX, has advised me that the cancer on his larynx is still there (verified by PET scan) and he has a meeting with his ENT on Monday, the 11th. Please pray, if you are of a mind, that he would receive some options other than a laryngectomy. He will also be seeing a speech therapist should the aforementioned operation have to be performed.

Our net manager, Kenny, KJ4CVK, recently had an episode with a cut on his hand that did not heal properly and he is on a strong regimen of antibiotics to hopefully cure the infection and prevention removal of a fingertip. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers as well. We all know that Kenny likes to do things for himself, but he needs to stay indoors, away from tools, and play radio! LOL!

New Business: Check out the Secretary's report for most of the business conducted during the meeting. Our main focus was a discussion of Field Day and how we plan to operate. We need more operators and stations and we need your suggestions on what you would like to eat at the evening meal.

Steve Mowels (KA0GMY), nominating committee chair, is still soliciting nominations for all officer positions, so consider how you can make SWARC a better and more vibrant club.

Be sure to attend the 48th annual RARSfest on April 16th; Andy has all the info in his minutes below.

Look for other news and info in the body of the newsletter.

SWARC de K7RLH

Notes from KB4NC

Manny is currently in Arizona with some of his family and will be returning soon. He will send out the usual invitation for the picnic.

He wishes everyone a Happy Easter! He will be spoiling his grand kids with lots of Easter candy!! (K7RLH quoting from the man himself) LOL!

SWARC 6 April 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm sharp by President Richard Hall (K7RLH). Richard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had good attendance with 17 persons present. Zoom virtual attendance was available for this meeting. Attendees included:

Richard Hall (K7RLH), Dave Krum (NW3U) and his better half Penny, Bill Blomgren (KK4QDZ), Ken Castile (KN4GUS), Mike Callam (KD4MC), Velda Callam (K4VJC), Dave Yow (K4MSE), Greg Gabry (N9PGG), Brian Knox (KK4BK), Mike Rowland (N3YEP), and a very special welcome to new hams Irv (KO4ZFR) and Rodney (KO4ZFO). Attending via Zoom were Al Crawford (WA4TCJ), Linda Crawford (KI4LO), Andy McDaniel (KN4JJU), and Nancy Torborg (KB2TNR).

New Business

Nancy Torborg (KB2TNR) with RARS started off the meeting with an overview of the upcoming 48th annual RARSfest scheduled for April 16th from 8am – 3pm at the Jim Graham Building at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. The address is 4285 Trinity Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607. Tickets purchased at the door or ordered after April 9th are \$10. A big crowd is expected due to pent-up demand after COVID canceled the previous two RARSfest events. Flea market tables are almost sold out. SWARC will have a table and we're looking for volunteers to come out distribute information about our club.

Nominations are being accepted for SWARC leadership positions for the fiscal year 2023. Steve Mowels (KA0GMY), our nomination chair, was not available this meeting for an update but if you are interested in volunteering to help lead the club into the future, please contact Steve.

We ask everyone to keep Gary Plante (KO4LQX) and Kenny Southern (KJ4CVK) in your thoughts and prayers. Both these fine gentlemen are experiencing some health challenges and would appreciate any well wishes.

David Krum (NW3U) gave an overview of upcoming public service opportunities for hams and equipment tips for volunteers. Ham Public Service of North Carolina (hpsnc.org) has a list of upcoming events in need of support from amateur radio operators. The website also has a list of tips and equipment needed for a successful volunteering experience. A sampling of upcoming events include:

- April 9th – 2022 Five-O Memorial Ride in Raleigh, NC
- May 1st – 2022 Raven Rock Ramble in New Hill, NC
- May 15th – 2022 Cup-N-Cone Ride in Cary, NC
- June 4th – 2022 Spring Fling – NC Bike Club & Team CBC in Apex, NC

There are many more volunteer opportunities posted on the hpsnc.org website. The event list is also on the RARS website. So, check it out and find a date to volunteer that works for you!

SWARC's May spring picnic is coming up. If anyone has ideas for food choices, please contact Richard.

Financial Report – Treasurer Christy Fernandini (KJ4AEO) reports via email that the club's bank account balance as of 4/6/2022 was \$2,013.70. This balance reflects dues and donations from seven fine hams totaling \$309.50 and reductions totaling \$480.00 for various fees and supplies in addition to the \$250 donation approved by the membership to the American Legion in support of their memorial fund. Our American Legion Post, where we hold club meetings, is accepting donations to support the design and construction of a memorial to fallen service members from each branch of the military.

Our club's upcoming planned annual donation to Mr. Danny Hampton for maintenance of the PCRN Repeaters is expected to reduce the club's bank account balance further so it's time to be thinking about our next raffle. As previously reported, Steve Rhudy (KY4SLR) has donated a NanoVNA SWR meter last Fall which can be part of the upcoming raffle. Thank you again Steve! But, we're looking for ideas for items to raffle off. Visa gift cards may be appealing to a wider audience of both hams and non-hams. Please send your ideas to Richard so we can plan for a raffle drawing this Fall.

The 2022 NC QSO Party results have been posted at ncqsoparty.org. SWARC was the primary sponsor of the Single-Op / Out-of-State / Phone (HP) award winner. Topping the list this year is Jeramy G. Duncan, KC8QDQ. Congratulations Jeramy!

Main Event – Planning for 2022 ARRL Field Day

The 2022 ARRL Field Day is June 25-26 and we need operators! The club's ham shack will be great for a GOTA station (Get On The Air) for new hams or those interested in what ham radio has to offer. Brian Knox (KK4BK) has volunteered to handle all of the bonus type contacts as he did last year. And of course we're counting on our former president Mike Gaither (K4MWG) to set up his impressive field station, solar powered and all, again this year. As usual, the club will be hosting dinner for operators and supporters at the Legion. If you have dinner preference ideas, you'd like to share, please contact Richard. Field Day is not just about making contacts but offers a great opportunity for fun and fellowship. So come on out and participate or just hang out with fellow hams.

The Field Day rules are fairly similar to last year. After adopting several temporary rule changes over the last couple of years due to the pandemic, ARRL is updating rules on a permanent basis starting this summer. This year the maximum PEP output for a transmitter used by anyone submitting a log will be 100W. The high-power category will be removed from the rules. Class D (Home) stations may work all Field Day stations and will continue to be able to earn points for contacts with other Class D stations. Contacts by Class D stations will be able to contribute to a club's aggregate score. This temporary change initiated in 2020 will become part of the permanent rules beginning this year.

Richard concluded the meeting at 7:30 pm.

73,

Andy McDaniel – KN4JJU – Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will let me know she has received them so I can update

the list. If you mail them, give me a heads up so I can mark it as pending on the roster.

Makes checks payable to South Wake ARC.

Send it to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

Gary Plante

KO4LQX

NET REPORT

SWARC Group – March 2022

We have four individuals who can be referred to as net check in champs for March; they are Bill, KK4QDZ, Ken, KG7CCT, Bill, KO4TST, and Richard, K7RLH. **Overall, there was a sharp increase in net check-ins.** Keep in mind that **not** all net controls record their counts so numbers could actually be higher than noted.

I look forward to hearing you on the net!

net date	Callsign count	Expr1000	Net Checkins
3/1/2022	14	KK4QDZ	27
3/2/2022	16	KG7CCT	22
3/4/2022	18	KO4TST	20
3/5/2022	16	K7RLH	20
3/6/2022	16	WA3JJG	18
3/7/2022	13	K4ADH	17
3/8/2022	4	KM4IJK	15
3/9/2022	16	N4BAJ	11
3/10/2022	11	KN4OEY	11
3/11/2022	22	KK4BK	10
3/12/2022	14	WB4UFO	10

3/15/2022	13	KE4QBW	9
3/16/2022	15	K4KIB	9
3/17/2022	9	KO4FUD	9
3/18/2022	19	KM4TZD	8
3/19/2022	13	KA0GMY	8
3/20/2022	10	KD7AAG	8
3/21/2022	19	KJ4CVK	8
3/23/2022	14	N4BNC	8
3/24/2022	9	KT4JR	8
3/26/2022	10	KB4NC	7
3/27/2022	4	W1DMG	7
3/28/2022	5	KM4JLA	6
3/29/2022	14	KG4JOK	5
3/30/2022	10	KO4DHJ	5
3/31/2022	13	KO4IHM	5
		KM4TC	4
		NC4MP	4
KJ4WLG	3	KJ4QNW	3
KE4RUN	3	KE4BKL	3

- For the time being, until further notice, Kenny, KJ4CVK, has resumed the noontime nets when he is able
 - Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KT4JR & K7RLH
 - KB4NC will call Monday evenings
 - KA0GMY will call Tuesday evenings (backup is K7RLH)
 - KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
 - KJ4CVK to pick up Thursday evenings if available (KO4LZZ has volunteered to call if Kenny is not available)
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- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
 - And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Please contact Richard Hall, K7RLH, if you are interested in calling one or more nets.

Public Service

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is upon us and events need volunteers. Mention of several events were a part of the Secretary's minutes.

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Appointed Positions

NET MANAGER

Kenny Souther-KJ4CVK

Special Events Director

Gino Fernandini –KI4YXO

Public Service Director

David Krum – NW3U

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

LINKS (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio)

www.tarpn.net

ARRL News

World Amateur Radio Day is April 18

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) is April 18 and is celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations, which are organized as member-societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

It was on this day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. American Radio Relay League (today, [ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio](http://www.arrrl.org)) co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim was its first president.

"On World Amateur Radio Day, all radio amateurs are invited to take to the airwaves to enjoy our global friendship with other amateurs, and to promote our skills and capabilities to the public," said Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, ARRL Director of Public Relations



and Innovation. "Use the backdrop of World Amateur Radio Day to describe and demonstrate ham radio to family, friends, and co-workers." While WARD falls on a Monday this year, Inderbitzen encourages amateurs and radio clubs to extend the celebration to include the weekend, or even all week. "Some radio clubs will even seek a proclamation from their town or state government, designating the period to recognize the contributions of radio amateurs to our communities, and the overall importance of our Amateur Radio Service," he said.

ARRL reports that there are more than 775,000 hams in the US. ARRL also supports a nationwide network of 2,400 affiliated radio clubs. "Radio clubs provide opportunities for newcomers to discover radio and to become ham radio operators," said Inderbitzen. "Clubs develop the personal radio communications capability of their members, operating together or from their home stations, in portable settings, and from nearly anywhere." Inderbitzen also highlighted that among the primary purposes of the Amateur Radio Service is to enhance international goodwill. "Radio amateurs use radio signals, which reach beyond borders, to bring people together culturally while providing essential communication in service to their communities."

More information and resources for participating in and promoting World Amateur Radio Day, can be found at:

- ARRL | www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day
- IARU | www.iau.org/on-the-air/world-amateur-radio-day

Use the ARRL [Special Event Stations](#) listing to find on-air events by entering "World Amateur Radio Day" in the keyword search. On social media, use the hashtags **#WorldAmateurRadioDay**, **#hamradio**, and **#ARRL**.

Just Ahead in Radiosport

- April 9 -- QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party (CW)
- April 9 - 10 -- JIDX CW Contest
- April 9 - 10 -- DIG QSO Party, CW
- April 9 - 10 -- OK/OM DX Contest, SSB
- April 9 - 10 -- FTn DX Contest (Dig)
- April 9 - 10 -- IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest
- April 9 - 10 -- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon (CW)
- April 9 - 10 -- Nebraska QSO Party (CW, Ph)
- April 9 - 10 -- New Mexico QSO Party (CW, Ph, Dig)
- April 9 - 10 -- All Texas State Parks on the Air (CW, Ph, Dig)
- April 9 - 10 -- North Dakota QSO Party (CW, Ph)
- April 9 - 10 -- Georgia QSO Party (CW, Ph)
- April 9 - 10 -- Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest (CW)
- April 10 -- International Vintage Contest HF (CW, Ph)
- April 10 -- WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes (Dig)
- April 10 -- [ARRL Rookie Roundup](#), SSB

- April 10 -- RSGB RoLo SSB
- April 11 -- 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday (CW, Ph)
- April 11 -- RSGB FT4 Contest (Dig)
- April 11 -- 144 MHz Spring Sprint (CW, Ph, Dig)
- April 13 -- NAQCC CW Sprint (CW)

Visit the [ARRL Contest Calendar](#) for more events and information.

Upcoming Section, State, and Division Conventions

- April 8 - 9 -- [ARRL Oklahoma State Convention](#) (Green Country Hamfest 2022), Claremore, Oklahoma
- April 16 -- [ARRL Roanoke Division Convention](#) (Raleigh Hamfest), Raleigh, North Carolina
- April 23 -- [ARRL Delaware State Convention](#) (Delmarva Amateur Radio and Electronics Expo), Georgetown, Delaware
- May 1 -- [ARRL Eastern Pennsylvania Convention](#) (Warminster Amateur Radio Club Hamfest), Bristol, Pennsylvania
- May 7 -- [ARRL Indiana State Convention](#) (North Central Indiana Hamfest), Peru, Indiana
- May 14 -- [ARRL Nebraska State Convention](#), Lincoln, Nebraska
- May 20 - 22 -- [Dayton Hamvention](#)®, Xenia, Ohio, *and featuring* [ARRL EXPO](#)

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HAMFEST INFORMATION

The following hamfests have been scheduled for 2022..

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society will hold its RARSfest on Saturday, April 16, 2022 at the Jim Graham Building at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Information about RARSfest can be found at <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rarsfest.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cfae978b126864e49c8e308d9d4621f8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637774340179670995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=3X%2FMvbZ4kju7BskETGm7vqH6sqm%2BZCP2Gc%2FCKHoja3A%3D&reserved=0>

The Waynesville Hamfest is scheduled to be held at the Smoky Mountain Event Center (Haywood County Fairgrounds) which is located near Lake Junaluska. The date is July 23, 2022.